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Docket No.: MAYERHOFER

In re Application of:)
ROLAND MAYERHOFER et al.)
Appl. No.: 10/563,080)
Int. Filing Date: June 18, 2004)
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING PLATE FOR INTAGLIO PRINTING AND CORRESPONDING PRINTING PLATE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/AT2004/000210 and in an Austrian Office Action issued by the Austrian Patent Office with regard to the corresponding Austrian patent application No. A 1021/2003, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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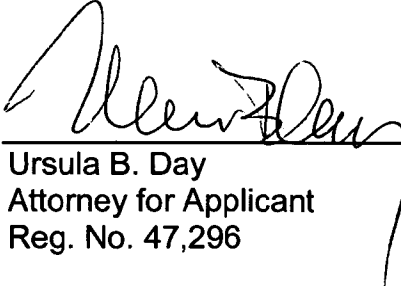
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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